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## Request for Extension of Time

Honorable Director of Patents & Trademarks
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request an extension of time of <u>two (2) months</u> within which to respond to the Official Action of June 17, 2002, to permit a timely response on or before November 17, 2002.

Applicants respectfully submit that Small Entity status had been previously established, but is no longer appropriate. Accordingly, the **Large Entity** fee of \$400.00 is enclosed by check.

In the event that the Director determines that an additional fee is required in for consideration of Applicants' response, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0548 referencing docket number 3504.183.

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